MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information now.

Meeting held in front of the Municipal Office, Nagercoil, on 21-5-1107

301. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any public meeting was held in front of the Municipal Office, Nagercoil, on the 21st Dhanu 1107;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the names of the speakers;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the meeting was dispersed by the intervention of the Police;

(*d*) whether any *lathi* charge was made;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the number of persons grievously wounded by the Police;

(*f*) why the Reserve Police was brought to the spot from Trivandrum;

(*g*) the cost incurred by the Government therefor;

(*h*) the name of the then Assistant Superintendent of Police, Nagercoil; and

(*i*) the approximate strength of the crowd?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*)-No public meeting was held, but there was a proposal for a meeting under the leadership of Messrs. M. E. Naidu, M. Sivatanu Pillai and Sheik Tampi Pavalar on the 21st Dhanu 1107.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) In view of answer to part (*d*), this does not arise.

(*f*) With a view to meet any emergency and avert an anticipated breach of the peace that would have resulted if the meeting was held against the prohibitory order of the Additional District Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram.

(*g*) Rs. 67-1-12.

(*h*) Mr. S. Alagappa Pillai.

(*i*) Twenty thousand people approximately.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware of the high-handedness of the Police in dispersing the crowd of 20,000 people at Nagercoil, on the 21st Dhanu 1107?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware whether any public meeting was held on that day?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are aware of the fact that there was an attempt to hold a public meeting there on that day.

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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): What is the minimum number of persons necessary to hold a public meeting?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As many as you can get. (*Laughter.*)

Conduct of the Alleppey Police in connection with the arrest of congress workers.

302. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the alleged high-handedness of the Alleppey Police in the recent arrests of Congress workers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The roport is a confidential document. It cannot, therefore, be laid on the table.

Enquiry into the conduct of the Police in connection with the arrest of congress volunteers at Alleppey.

303. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the enquiry regarding the incidents alleged to have taken place at Alleppey in connection with the arrest of volunteers who disobeyed the prohibitory order is over;

(*b*) whether the Commissioner of Police has submitted any report;

(*c*) the nature and method of the enquiry conducted by the Commissioner;

(*d*) whether evidence is taken from respectable citizens of Alleppey who are non-officials; and

(*e*) whether evidence is taken *in camera* or in public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An enquiry was conducted at Alleppey by the Commissioner of Police at his camp office, and it is completed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He examined various signatories to a pamphlet that alleged excesses by the Police, other residents of Alleppey, and a convicted volunteer, besides examining the District Superintendent and the Inspector of Police, Alleppey.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The evidence was recorded by the Commissioner in his camp office.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the member be pleased to give the names of the respectable citizens who gave evidence before the Commissioner of Police?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): One Mr. Krishna Menon, and eight others had been summoned by the Commissioner of Police. I have got the list before me; I do not know if it would be profitable to read it out.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Did all these nine gentlemen give evidence?

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